

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP  
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011**

**MINUTES**

Present: Chair Tom Callahan, Phil Barry, Harry Birkenruth, Mark Hammond, Phil Spak, and Frank Vasington

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

Guest: Lon Hultgren

**1. Call to Order**

Phil Barry called the meeting to order at 3:08.

Chair Tom Callahan joined the meeting.

**2. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2011**

Harry Birkenruth made a motion to approve the minutes. Phil Barry seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**3. Update on Storrs Center**

Cynthia van Zelm said that remediation of the former UConn Publications building is underway, prior to demolition.

Ms. van Zelm said the Storrs Center team is working on finalizing the required conditions from the CT State Traffic Commission requirements before it issues final approval. Director of Public Works Lon Hultgren joined the meeting and reviewed the required conditions with the Committee.

The Committee discussed continued interest in the retail strategy for Storrs Center.

**4. Update on Four Corners Sewer and Water Study Advisory Committee**

Mr. Callahan said that State Senator Don Williams had expressed interest in determining what could be done to bring industry to the area with its accompanying jobs, and the discussion of focusing on the tech park emerged.

The University indicated that addressing the need for an additional water source would need to be part of the discussion. Senator Williams proposed \$18 million for the tech park which would include infrastructure related improvements such as water and road improvements. The goal would be to bring together a group of researchers similar to what has been done for the fuel cell industry in Connecticut. The second phase would a more substantial research building.

Mr. Callahan said the University and the Town will work jointly on a state required Environmental Impact Evaluation which would evaluate the possible water sources. The Four Corners water needs would be part of this evaluation.

Mr. Callahan said the King Hill Road area would be part of the scope of work.

## **5. Update on Grants**

Ms. van Zelm said she was working with Mr. Hultgren and Town Planning and Development Director Linda Painter on CT Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant applications for Storrs Center and Four Corners.

## **6. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

*Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm*